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### Holiday shopping

The Texas Memorial Museum store will offer a 20 percent discount on all items from Nov. 29 through Dec. 2. They will offer a 25 percent discount to those who bring their own shopping bag. The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Marketing the heart

Cass Wheeler, retired CEO of the American Heart Association, will discuss AHA's marketing communication, including the "Go Red for Women Campaign." The talk will be from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in BEN 1.112.

## TODAY

## IN HISTORY

### In 1947

On Nov. 29, the United Nations voted for the partition of Palestine and the creation of an independent Jewish state. After decades of squabbling and an influx of Jews following the Holocaust, tensions rose and eventually led to American and British action and support of the U.N. partition. Conflict exists to this day.



Horns hopeful heading into NCAA tournament.

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### UNIVERSITY

# Nursing clinicals to require drug testing

By **Andrew Messamore**

Before nursing students can begin their clinical classes in the spring, the UT School of Nursing will require them to pass a drug screening next month as part of new compliance standards.

Clinical programs are one of several types of classes required in the nursing curriculum, and nursing students

participating in clinical programs next semester will need to complete their testing between Dec. 1, when the University-approved vendor will be ready, and Jan. 14.

Linda Carpenter, assistant dean of the School of Nursing, said the foremost reason for the new policy is to ensure the safety of patients treated by students and to standardize drug testing for all students in a way

that meets industry guidelines.

The new policy had been expected for a decade, Carpenter said, but was finally instituted this year after the Health Industry Steering Committee reported new industry standards requiring standardized drug testing for students working in Central Texas hospitals.

The committee, a local industry-lead regulatory group, circulates industry guidelines

from medical accreditation agencies to medical employees in Central Texas, and includes nursing and pharmacy schools.

"The bottom line is [that the new policy] is for patient safety," Carpenter said. "You can't have people working in health care settings, being responsible for peoples' lives, if they are under the influence of anything."

Nursing junior Tiffany Torrence, networking officer for the

Hispanic Nursing Student Association, said the hard work put in by students to enter into the nursing program should already demonstrate the quality of the students at clinical agencies.

"I don't think we need to have stricter drug testing for students," Torrence said. "You're already going to be tested at any of the sites you're working at,

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### CAMPUS



**Pu Ying Huang** | Daily Texan Staff

Tom Bowser, who has been working for the United States Post Office in Austin for 36 years, is retiring from his post at the UT station. Bowser briefly attended UT.

# So long, Mr. Postman

After 36 years in the postal industry, UT favorite Tom Bowser says goodbye

By **Laura Wright**

"What do you call an Austin musician whose girlfriend just dumped him?" Tom Bowser joked as he stood outside a post office. "Homeless," Bowser said with a laugh.

Bowser, who has worked for the United States Post Office in Austin for 36 years, doesn't immediately show his age. He moves quickly,

talks fast and peppers his conversation with jokes like the one above. But when Bowser remembers seeing artists like B.B. King and the Kinks in long-gone Austin music venues like Liberty Lunch and Armadillo World Headquarters, it becomes clear that he's seen more of Austin than most UT students can imagine.

At one time, Bowser was a UT student. "I didn't get very far,"

Bowser said when asked what he studied at UT. "My daughter was born and they put me on the midnight shift at [the post office] and I just couldn't do it all."

Bowser began working for the post office in October 1976 at the Main station downtown at 300 E. 9th, because he needed a job. At that time, Austin was a city of 308,952 people, and the post office was very different.

"There was a lot of manual work and there wasn't so much sorting," Bowser said. "We would sort mail by hand and key it in a machine,

whereas now it goes by a machine that sorts letters."

When he started there, the downtown post office had three or four letter sorting machines that the employees would key the mail on. Now, nobody keys mail according to Bowser.

Back then, the post office saw more personal correspondence than it does today. It wasn't unusual for Bowser to notice the back-and-forth between two people who frequently wrote each other. Now, he and his

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### #TXLEGE2013

In-state tuition challenged for undocumented Texas students



By **David Loewenberg**

A pair of bills filed in the Texas House of Representatives seeks to strip undocumented students of eligibility for in-state tuition.

State Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, and state Rep. Bill Zedler, R-Arlington, have filed separate bills that would amend the qualifications for in-state tuition to exclude undocumented students. Since 2001, undocumented immigrants have qualified for in-state tuition if they received a high school diploma in Texas, lived in the state for at least three years upon high school graduation and signed an affidavit stating their intention to apply for permanent residence when eligible.

Larson's bill would amend the current law to explicitly exclude "a person who is not authorized by federal law to be present in the United States" from state resident status.

Unlike Larson's bill, Zedler's does not explicitly exclude undocumented immigrants from in-state tuition, but strikes part of the current language that gives them the opportunity to qualify as state residents. Zedler did not immediately respond to

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### UNIVERSITY

# Fiscal cliff expected to harm University

By **Alexa Ura**

University officials say UT could feel repercussions from the automatic tax increases and spending cuts set to kick in as part of the fiscal cliff on Jan. 2, 2013.

If the U.S. Congress does not act, the expiration of five tax measures will cause \$500 billion in tax increases and \$200 billion in spending cuts. The drastic financial repercussions could put

the country on a fiscal cliff by depressing an already sluggish U.S. economy.

Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services, said Congress' inaction could reduce a percentage of funding awarded to the Department of Education, which in turn distributes funds to the programs it administers, including student financial aid programs.

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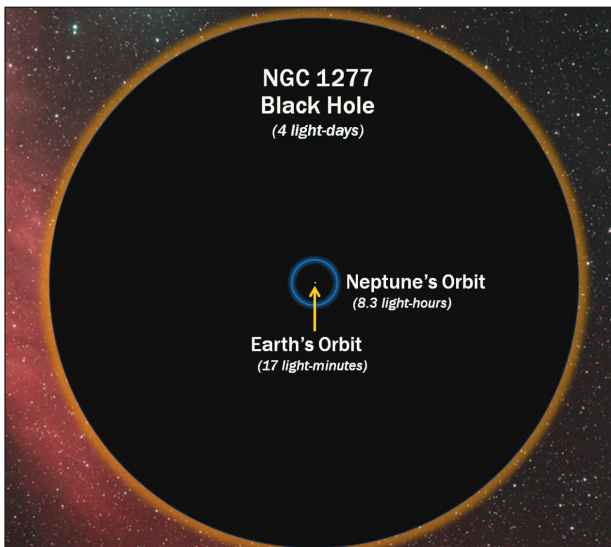
# Giant black hole baffles astronomers

By **Bobby Blanchard**

A discovery made with the help of UT-Austin equipment and research has thrown a supermassive wrench into astronomers' understanding of black holes and how they form.

Using a telescope at UT's McDonald Observatory, astronomers discovered a black hole so big it challenges current theories regarding how black holes form and how they interact with galaxies. With the mass of 14 billion suns, the black hole, found in a galaxy 220 million light years away, makes up 14 percent of its home galaxy's mass and may be the largest black hole ever discovered. The average black hole makes up 0.1 percent of its galaxy's mass.

A team of astronomers made the discovery as part of an ongoing study of black holes and their galaxies. UT



**Courtesy of D. Benningfield/K. Gebhardt/StarData**

This diagram shows how the diameter of the 17-billion-solar-mass black hole in the heart of galaxy NGC 1277 compares with the orbit of Neptune around the Sun.

astronomy professor and study team member Karl Gebhardt said the team initially discovered this black hole more than a year and a half ago.

"We looked at it and we said 'No, I don't believe it,'" Gebhardt said. "We went

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### FEDERAL DOLLARS AT UT

\$9.6 million in Pell Grants

\$112.2 million in federal loans

\$2.1 million in work study funding

\$166.4 million in research grants from top three sources



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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

High 74 Low 63  
I didn't mean this morning.

FRAMES | FEATURED PHOTO



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff  
Tina Davison restocks the balloons on her stand at Barton Creek Resort's Holiday Lights and Ice annual event.

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Texas retired teacher benefits may rise



Retired Texas teachers may soon be seeing a boost in their financial benefits if two bills filed for the 2013 legislative session pass.

State Reps. Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock, and Armando “Mando” Martinez, D-Weslaco, each filed bills earlier this month to increase financial benefits for those receiving pensions from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, a group that has not seen an increase in its pensions since 2001.

The retirement system serves Texas public education employees including

eligible employees at UT and is governed by the state legislature. It is the largest public retirement system in Texas in terms of membership and assets, with 1,316,566 participants and \$101 billion in net assets as of Sept. 30, 2011, according to its website.

Gonzales’ bill would allow the state legislature to more easily provide supplemental payments to those retirees. Currently, the state legislature must request additional funding from the state’s general revenue to make such a payment, and the bill would allow them to do so without taking that step.

Bill Barnes, legislative coordinator for Texas Retired Teachers Association, said his organization supports Gonzales’ bill because it could be used to help supplement the buy-

ing power retirees have lost since 2001.

“That buying power has gone down by more than 30 percent,” Barnes said.

He said only one supplemental payment for the retirees has been approved by the state legislature in the last 10 years, and it was in 2005.

Barnes said the Texas Retired Teachers Association also endorses Martinez’s bill, which would provide a more consistent means of retirement funding for seniors. The bill would provide for a cost of living increase based on the percentage change in inflation reflected in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, a number that has most recently been published by the United States Department of Labor.

Scott Jenkins, chief of

staff for Rep. Armando “Mando” Martinez, said the bill is needed to give teachers increased stability in their pensions.

“When they retire the vast majority of them do not get Social Security, so they rely on their teacher retirement,” Jenkins said.

Social Security payments change each year in accordance with the index.

Jenkins said budgetary constraints within the legislature and a general anti-government attitude in Texas will be the biggest obstacles for the passage of Martinez’s and similar bills.

“It’s going to be tough. No denying it’s going to be tough,” Jenkins said.

He said he believes passing the bills is possible, and that it will be easier to tell where the legislature stands on the bills once the 2013 session begins.

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and if you have made it into an upper-division program, you’ve already showed that you are an upstanding student and that your academic and social career can be balanced.”

Some clinical agencies already test students enrolled in their programs, including St. David’s South Austin Medical Center, but the new policy requires all students to receive testing through the University-approved vendor, PreCheck Inc. Each screening will cost students \$41.14.

Ana Mejia-Dietche, director of the Health Industry Steering Committee, said the committee and the School of Nursing sought to require the least restrictive guidelines necessary for students in nursing.

Professional nursing involves high levels of regulation and testing, Mejia-Dietche said, and the policy is meant to partially prepare students for the career path they are entering.

“We are thrilled to have new nurses in the program and we know how hard it is to get to this point,” Mejia-Dietche said. “But [nursing students] are going to go into a world that is heavily regulated and this is just another step along that path.”

Students who fail drug screenings will not be allowed entry into their clinical classes, but will be able to continue enrollment in the nursing program, Carpenter said. Depending on individual circumstances, students may be able to wait to take a second screening or may have to show proof of treatment for substance abuse before screening again.

Additional screenings will not be required for students after passing their initial test, although an individual clinic could mandate repeated screening.

The new guidelines will also apply to other universities in the Central Texas area, although Texas State University and Texas A&M University-College Station already require drug screenings for admitted students. Texas Tech University does not require drug screenings and has no plans to start them because the hospitals its students work at are regulated by different groups.

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phone requests for comments.

Larson said the issue at hand is one of fairness to students who are here legally.

“For the state to impose a mandate that you have to offer in-state tuition, I don’t think that’s fair to the folks going through the process legitimately from other countries and states that are trying to get into these universities and paying tuition rates three times higher than someone who is here illegally,” Larson said.

In 2012, tuition at UT for state residents was \$9,792

compared to \$33,060 for out-of-state students. According to PolitiFact Texas, 16,476 undocumented college students in Texas received in-state tuition in 2010 through the pathway outlined in the current law. Four percent of those students attended UT (612).

Denise Gilman, clinical law professor and co-director of the law school’s immigration clinic, said she disagrees with Larson’s assessment of the fairness of his proposed bill.

“To me the fairness question really is one of treating students who have grown up here their entire lives fairly,” Gilman said. “It seems fundamentally unfair to exclude

promising students from the opportunity of a higher education at a state institution because of their immigration status rather than any concerns of their ties to the community or willingness to contribute back to this community.”

Larson said his objection is not to undocumented students attending college in Texas but to the financial advantage they receive by qualifying as state residents.

“There’s no prohibition for allowing folks to apply if they’re here undocumented, but I don’t think we need to give them the same rate as the kids that are here legally and have

in-state residence requirements met,” Larson said.

Javier Huamani, mechanical engineering senior and historian for University Leadership Initiative, said most undocumented students rely on in-state tuition eligibility to attend college. ULI is a student group that advocates policies and programs that would benefit the undocumented community.

“If in-state tuition were repealed, the hopes and dreams of many of these students would be crushed and those who try to pay would be facing the danger of debt,” Huamani said.

In the 2011 legislative session, several similar bills were filed, but none made it out of the committee process.

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“There’s very little outlining current law about what happens to financial aid programs if we go over the fiscal cliff,” Melecki said. “We’re reading everything we can about what might happen in Washington, but we’re scratching our heads like everyone else. One of my concerns is that changes might take effect immediately.”

Melecki said there will be no immediate cut to Federal Pell Grants, the University’s largest source of student grants, but federal loans and work-study funding could see cuts when students return to campus in January if federal spending is reduced by the fiscal cliff.

In 2011-2012, the University received almost \$237 million in federal funding for financial aid programs, \$9.6 million of which was Pell Grants distributed to 11,569 students based on financial need.

Funding for federal direct subsidized and unsubsidized loans totaled \$112.2 million, and \$2.1 million was awarded as work-study.

One proposal to avert the fiscal cliff involves increasing the federal subsidized loan interest rate from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent, Melecki said.

Last year, 1,122 UT students had work-study jobs and earned \$3 million. Federal funding for the work-study program, which Melecki said has been suffering reductions every year for the past six years, pays 70 percent of a student’s salary. The University is responsible for the remaining 30 percent.

“My office employs 25 work-study students,” Melecki said. “If there’s a cut back in federal money, I don’t think we can afford to take that up [from 30 percent] to even 35 percent to maintain the same number of jobs if cuts are made.”

Mary Knight, UT associate vice president of financial affairs, said the University has no definitive details about potential

cuts but is aware of the possible impacts on student financial aid, research and payroll.

“Payroll tax changes, [including] social security and withholding taxes, could impact [or] reduce faculty and staff take home pay,” Knight said.

In 2010, the payroll tax was temporarily cut from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. The tax measure is set to expire at the end of 2012 and could cost the country \$115 billion next year.

Federal research funding plays a vital role in research at higher institutions, but funding cuts related to the fiscal cliff could reduce grant money universities receive from major research agencies.

In 2011-2012, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded UT \$166.4 million in research grants. The three government research agencies may each be subject to a 7.6 percent

cut to mandatory spending and an 8.2 percent cut to discretionary spending.

“It is possible that funding for current federal grants could end before the research work is completed,” Knight said.

It is unknown if federal research agencies will implement cuts by eliminating existing grants, not providing new grants, providing less grants or cutting grants by a uniform percentage, Barry Toiv, vice president for public affairs for the Association of American Universities, said.

The Association of American Universities is a group of 62 public and private research universities, including UT, that advocates on issues important to research-intensive universities, including funding.

“What we do know is that considerably less research will take place,” Toiv said. “That is bad for long-term health advances, bad for national security and bad for the nation’s long-term economic growth.”

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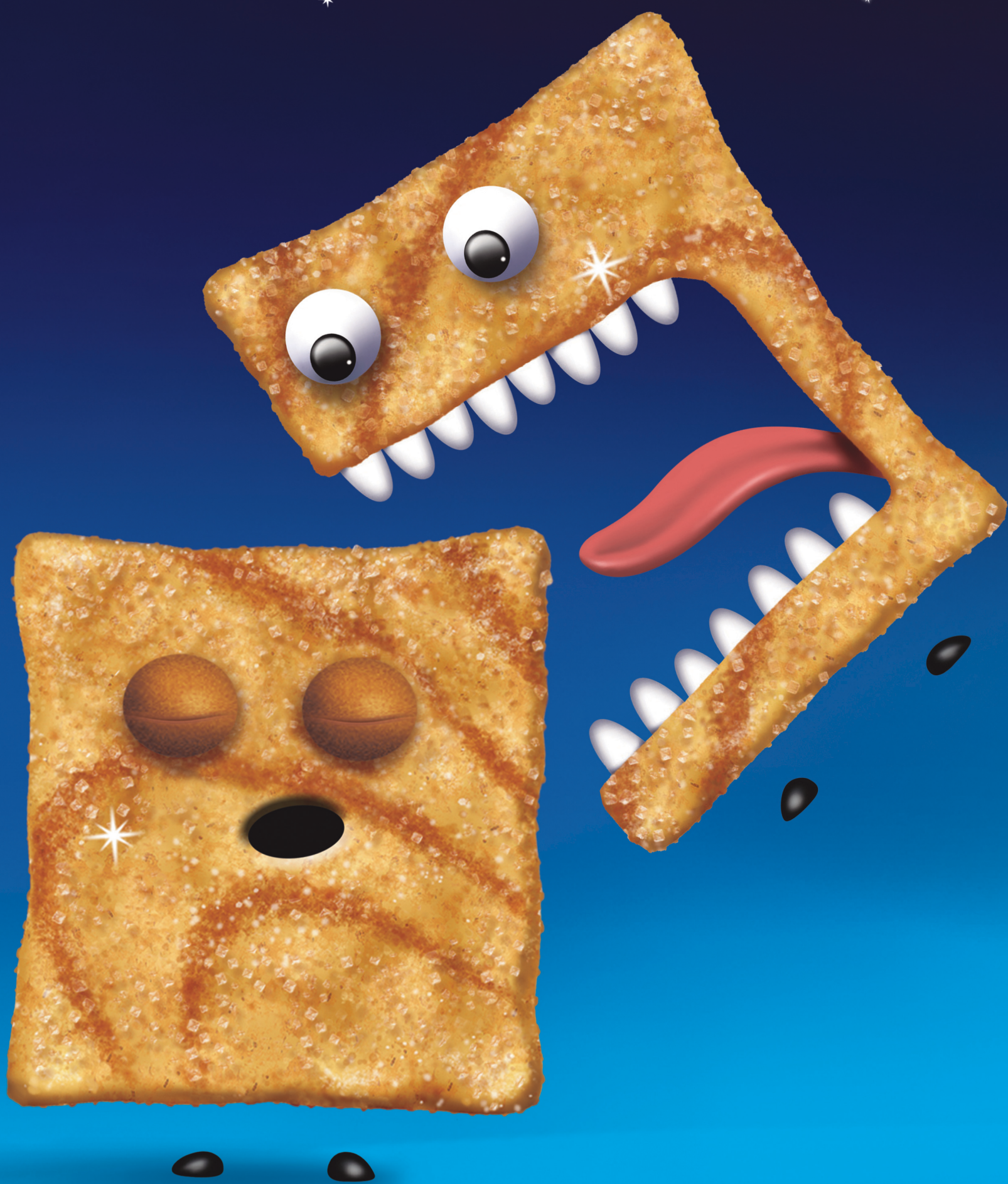
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VIEWPOINT

Young votes did (and will) count

The politically apathetic college student has been a stock character in political commentary for the past several election cycles. If recent trends hold true, that tired trope may no longer be an accurate description. Despite the fears, or hopes, of those who thought that fewer young adults would show up at the polls this past November, young voters played a pivotal role in the election. Conversations that once focused on how to get more youth to show up to the polls are now shifting toward how to win the votes of the increasing number of youth going to the polls.

There are 46 million Americans ages 18-29 who are eligible to vote, and if members of this demographic want to use the power of their numbers to gain political strength, they've got to stay engaged in the process and get more of their friends to do the same.

In the lead-up to the November election, political pundits — particularly those on the right — were eager to predict that voting rates among youth wouldn't match up to their 2008 high. During President Barack Obama's first presidential run, young voters energized his campaign and the Democratic Party, but enthusiasm for Obama among the 18-29 age group waned during his presidency, and expectations developed that the youth vote would begin to slide back to the 36-percent low recorded during the 2000 elections.

This was not the case. And what's more, analysis of election results reveals just how crucial the youth vote was in determining election outcomes. According to analysis performed by the Center for Information and

Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), a nonpartisan research unit at Tufts University, if youth voters had stayed away from the polls, Mitt Romney likely would have won the presidency. This is because the youth vote overwhelmingly favored President Obama, with nearly 67 percent of the youth vote going to Obama and 30 percent of young votes cast for Romney.

Young voters have not always favored Democrats. While recent elections have shown a Democratic preference among younger voters, elections in the 1980s saw strong youth support for Republican candidates. Regardless, no presidential election in the past 30 years has presented such a strong Democratic preference among youth voters as this one.

This trend is evident in Travis County voting precincts where students make up a majority of the population. Precincts located in Riverside, West Campus and the Forty Acres overwhelmingly voted for Obama. Riverside shows the strongest Democratic preference with 83.5 percent of votes having been cast for Obama, and West Campus shows the least of the three, with 58.72 percent of votes going to Obama. Of these three areas, voters living in residence halls on campus had the highest voter turnout, with 48.8 percent showing up to the polls, 68.69 percent of whom voted for Obama.

So aside from dispelling the myth of the chronically apathetic college student, November's poll results demonstrate the rising political power of college-

Aside from dispelling the myth of the chronically apathetic college student, November's poll results demonstrate the rising political power of college-aged Americans.

aged Americans. While younger voters strongly supported Democratic candidates, in many states the opposite was true of older voters. According to CIRCLE, swing states like Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania swung in Obama's favor thanks largely to the under-30 vote. The group estimates that nearly 80 electoral votes swung Democratic thanks to higher than normal turnout among youths.

Despite this higher turnout, youth still voted at a significantly lower rate than Americans aged 65 or older, traditionally the demographic with the highest voting rates. Sixty-eight percent of eligible voters older than 65 years cast their ballots in the 2008 elections. So while young voters made gains in the last two elections, their influence is still not as strong as that of their grandparents' demographic.

While much has been made of the effect that America's shifting demographics have on election results, an increase in the percentage of youth who vote will not be driven by population gains alone. If college-aged voters want to maintain or grow their political influence, they'll have to stay involved.

GALLERY

THE ABSOLUTE WORST PART OF LIVING IN THE DORMS



Lauren Moore | Daily Texan Cartoonist

Draw the connections:  
UT, the US and Israel

By Christina Noriega  
& Jonathan Orta

Guest Columnists

On Nov. 19, UT students and Austin community members marched through campus chanting, "Not another nickel, not another dime, no more money for Israel's crimes." (A separate protest with many of the same protesters took place on Nov. 17 in downtown Austin.) Speakers, including UT journalism professor Robert Jensen and Saif Kazim, the president of UT's Society for Islamic Awareness, explained the current crisis in Gaza and the necessity for a domestic campaign to end U.S. funding of the Israeli occupation, bombardment and economic suffocation of the Palestinian people. The Nov. 19 march intended to show UT students that the campaign could begin here on campus.

Public action is necessary because of the United States government's complicity in the occupation. Both the protest on campus and downtown saw a broad base of supporters come out in opposition to Israeli occupation, which was deemed illegal by United Nations Resolution 242 and the International Court of Justice ruling in 2004. These two protests are following a global outcry against the newest act of Israeli aggression.

UT students must understand that not only their federal government, but also their University is complicit in Israeli war crimes. UT's investment company, University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), invests in the industry built around the Israeli occupation of Palestine. UTIMCO profits from investments in companies like United Technologies, which produces UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters for the Israel Defense Force. These UTIMCO

investments follow the U.S. government's lead, which, according to Amnesty International, sells attack aircraft and missiles to Israel.

Social movements have traditionally flourished on college campuses. In April 1986, 42 UT students protesting apartheid refused to surrender a shanty they had constructed on the West Mall and were arrested by UT police. The following Friday, 182 students were arrested during a successive, much larger West Mall rally in protest of apartheid in South Africa at that time. The protesting students had a specific demand: They wanted the University to divest, or strip itself of its financial interests, in South Africa. Today, UT students again have the power to shape the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Within hours of Israel's launching Operation Pillar of Defense two weeks ago, President Obama voiced his support for Israel's right to self-defense — a claim that ignores Israel's disproportionate use of resources and force. Obama's position represents only a fraction of the U.S. government's pro-Israeli foreign policy, which provides Israel with \$3 billion a year in foreign aid. Arguably, the U.S. policy violates the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, which declared it illegal for the U.S. government to fund foreign governments that are consistent human rights violators.

Israel has faced a long history of criticism by various human rights organizations and official bodies of the United Nations.

In 2000, the United Nations Human Rights Committee reported "demolition of houses and closure of the Palestinian territories" and the "death of 127 civilians, including many children," which constitute "war crimes." In 2004, the Interna-

tional Court of Justice ruled that the wall built in the Occupied Territories breaches international humanitarian law by "imposing restrictions on the freedom of the inhabitants" and limiting "access to health services, educational establishments and primary sources of water." An Amnesty International report titled "Operation Cast Lead: 22 Days of Death and Destruction" reports that Israeli F-16 combat aircraft "targeted and destroyed civilian homes ... often while they slept" and that Israeli Hellfire missiles killed "children playing on the roofs of their homes or in the street and other civilians going about their daily business ... in broad daylight." Though Israel's countless war crimes have been well-documented, the U.S. government maintains its generous \$3 billion a year in foreign aid to Israel.

The U.S. government's recent acts of unwavering, bipartisan support of Israel demonstrate the normalization of endorsing Israel's actions in our political system. We cannot depend on our political system to change current U.S. foreign policy towards Israel. Change must come first from social movements.

Challenging U.S. policy must begin on this campus with a call for the University to divest its interests in Israel. The Nov. 19 protest on the West Mall, like the one decades before, reminded University decision-makers that UT students can hold the University accountable for its actions. What unified the speakers and marchers was an understanding that UT students can effect changes. Join the movement to end U.S. support of Israel. Rather than being spectators to U.S.-endorsed occupation, we can start the path to peace here.

*Noriega is a journalism sophomore from Irving and Orta is a Latin American Studies and international relations senior from Dallas.*

FIRING LINE

Reject Regnerus

[Regarding a column by Travis Knoll, which ran Nov. 28 titled "Revisit Regnerus."] I think it's nice that you and Regnerus got together and chatted. That's what civilized people can do. I do have to take issue with some of your "new thinking" on this matter.

Please don't succumb to the belief that two opposite but equally moral points of view are in play here; they're not. There is an agenda in this country to maintain a legal and social imbalance between straight and gay people, for no valid public policy reason. Please don't lend legitimacy to the absurd notion that there is a real discussion going on.

The controversial Social Sciences Research article that got him dumped on by his colleagues and peers makes conclusions that are not based on the data set he collected and which were outrageous. For example, he claims that the children of gay fathers are far more likely to consider suicide than the children of straight fathers. That insidious claim is completely unsupported by his data. He could, however, make the claim that the children of fathers who had an adulterous same-sex affair outside of their marriages to a woman and who ended up getting divorced from that woman are more likely to consider suicide. To wit, we don't know if it's the gay father, the affair or (most likely) the breakup of the family that lead to thoughts of suicide. Regnerus bundled together a heap of bad variables, and wants to blame only one of them, "having a gay father," for all the trouble. Shoddy research conclusion, to be charitable.

Regnerus has been neither ostracized nor censured. He has been roundly criticized for making outrageous, absurd and false observations about a specific minority group, observations unsupported by his data. I suspect he's been surprised by the backlash he's gotten. But it's well deserved. He's not a victim here; he's a perpetrator.

— Jeffery M. Davis  
Royal Oak, Michigan

Greed, stupidity or a clever  
marketing ploy?

I was shocked when I picked up a copy of today's Daily Texan to read "UT System sues for Fawcett portrait." What on earth are the spenders of our tax dollars thinking? How much are the legal proceedings going to cost? I was shocked again to see that UT is going after one of two paintings of Farrah Fawcett, and it is valued at \$30 million! I asked myself, "Is it GREED, STUPIDITY or A CLEVER MARKETING PLOY?" Perhaps UT wants the painting so they can sell it for \$30 million and pay for the new medical school instead of raising the taxes of ordinary citizens. What a clever ploy that would be. Somehow I cannot believe that is true. What other values might UT be acting on if not one of the ones I have suggested?

— Laurence A. Becker  
1958 BA, Plan II 1965 MA, English

LEGALESE

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CITY

# Austin not blind to nature preservation

By Bobby Blanchard

Four salamander species that inhabit Central Texas might be added to the endangered species list, but city officials say they are prepared for the restrictions associated with this change.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed the Austin Blind salamander, the Jollyville Plateau salamander, the Georgetown salamander and the Salado salamander be added to the endangered species list. Should the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service list the Austin Blind salamander as an endangered species, more environmental protections will be added to Barton Springs Pool and Zilker Park. The Austin Blind salamander lives underground in the aquifer and is occasionally spotted on the surface.

But Chris Herrington, City of Austin environmental en-

gineer, said the city is already prepared for these species to be added. The city is required to have a permit to operate Barton Springs and Austin's permit is up for renewal. In the request for a renewal, Herrington said Austin is including protections for the Austin Blind salamander.

"As part of our renewal we included Austin Blind as a covered species," Herrington said. "We are already proposing protections for the Austin Blind salamander that would be part of our new permit."

Herrington said these protections will be in place whether or not the Austin Blind salamander gets added as an endangered species.

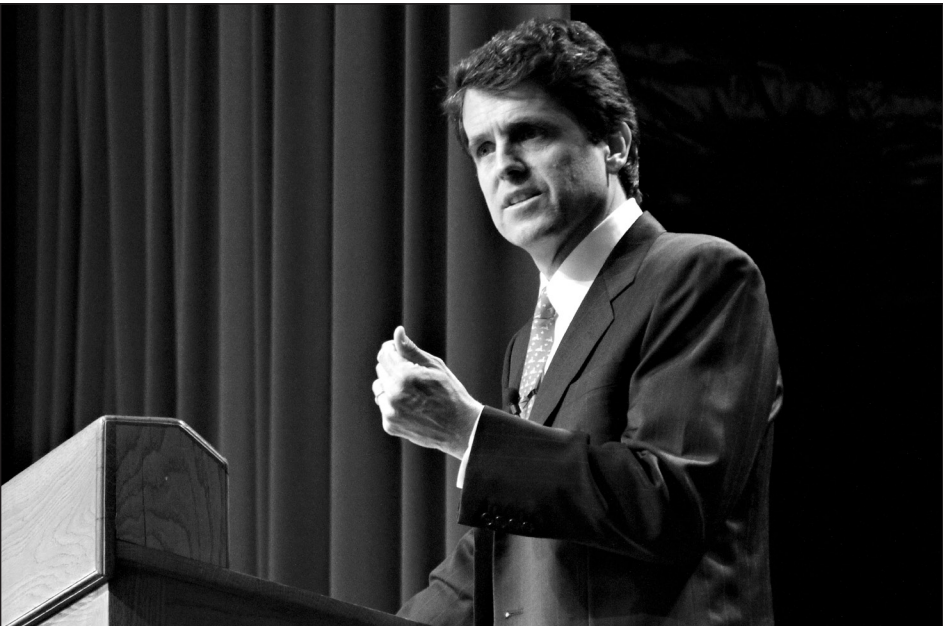
In 1997, the Barton Springs salamander was listed as an endangered species. While he could not provide exact numbers, Herrington said the number of Barton Springs salamanders has increased since they were listed as endangered.



Zilker Park, home of the Austin Blind salamander, could be affected by increased environmental protection if the species becomes listed as endangered.

Pearce Murphy  
Daily Texan Staff

## CAMPUS



Pearce Murphy | Daily Texan Staff

Politician and activist Mark Shriver discusses family caregiving and Alzheimer's disease at UT Austin's School of Social Work on Wednesday afternoon.

# Son shares reality of Alzheimer's

By Taylor Hampton

Mark Shriver shared his experience of caring for his father, Sargent Shriver, after he developed Alzheimer's disease with other families at a lecture focused on the disease Wednesday.

In a lecture sponsored by the Capital of Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the Institute for Grief, Loss and Family Survival in the School of Social Work, families learned how to maintain their own lives while tending to relatives with Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease that impairs memory. According to the Alzheimer's Association, there are an estimated 340,000 Texans that have Alzheimer's disease. Sargent Shriver was the first director of the Peace Corps and later became the U.S. ambassador to France. He died in 2011 after a battle

with Alzheimer's disease.

Mark Shriver, author of "A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver" said he found it was more important to be a love-giver than a care-giver while he was tending to his father.

"What really sustains you throughout, or what sustained me throughout the process, was to realize that he, my father, had given love unconditionally and that is what you need on a day-to-day basis in order to survive," Shriver said.

He said the family was lucky to have adequate resources because Alzheimer's disease is brutal, emotionally and financially devastating. Shriver said the disease is impacting families across the nation.

"As a country we are not doing enough investing in research to find a cure for it," Shriver said.

Christian Wells, president of the Capital of Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's

Association, said research funding is important because the cause of Alzheimer's disease is unknown and there is not a cure. She said the association advocates for the Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium, a state-funded group that researches the disease. UT-Southwestern Medical Center is part of the consortium.

"We can do much for the people that have the disease now and their families, but we are really looking to the next subsequent two or three generations, and how can we prevent the disease from occurring," Wells said.

Charles Bailey, director of business development for Brightstar, a home care and child care company, said caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be overwhelming and requires compassion.

"It doesn't matter what day it is. It doesn't matter what time it is, again you go to their reality and help them as best you can," Bailey said.

## CAMPUS

# Student to study at Cambridge on prestigious Marshall Scholarship

By David Maly

Physics honors senior William Berdanier will join the ranks of scholars who have studied under the prestigious Marshall Scholarship next fall, an award given to U.S. students who have shown great academic merit, leadership and ambassadorial potential.

Berdanier was chosen along with 33 others from across the country to receive a Marshall Scholarship for 2013. The scholarship allows U.S. students with high abilities to pursue degrees at certain U.K. institutions. Berdanier was the only student chosen from UT this year. Since the scholarship program began in 1953, 22 UT students have won the award, and eight of those wins have been since 2001. The scholarship will fund two years of study for Berdanier and will consist of funds for university fees, cost of living expenses, an annual book grant and fares to and from the U.S.

Berdanier said for the first year of the scholarship, he will pursue a masters degree in Part III of the Mathematical Tripos at The University of Cambridge, and for the second year, a master's of research at either Cambridge or the University of Oxford. He said after that he wants to pursue a Ph.D. in the U.S. and continue his research in physics.

Berdanier said he is very honored to have been named for the scholarship, and the magnitude of the accomplishment hasn't fully sunk in for him yet.

"It's amazing," Berdanier said. "It's a tremendous opportunity. I'm so happy to have won this."

Larry Carver, English



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Physics honors senior William Berdanier is a recipient of the Marshall Scholarship for 2013.

professor and liberal arts honors director, is UT's Marshall Scholarship representative. Carver interviewed Berdanier for the scholarship Sept. 10 and has assisted him throughout the application process.

Carver said Berdanier has consistently excelled over other students while at UT.

"By all measures, Will is a gifted student of physics and mathematics," Carver said. "Faculty members think he is one of the most gifted physics and math students that they have seen in a generation."

In a letter of recommendation for the Marshall Scholarship, physics professor Genady Shvets said he witnessed Berdanier excel throughout his four years at UT, and not just in his classes.

"Will is a remarkably capable young man who, in addition to choosing probably the most challenging double-major possible, physics and mathematics, is managing to find time for supervised research," Shvets stated in the letter.

Berdanier currently has a 3.93 grade point average at UT. He has participated in the Dean's Scholars Honors Program, has been selected for 13 scholarships and fellowships including a \$7,500 award through the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, another award given to highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers, has been invited to multiple academic talks and has been published. Berdanier is also an accomplished violinist, after taking lessons for more than 10 years.

# HOLE

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back, ran some tests, looked at the data, ran a lot of models. We just did tons of work trying to understand if this was real or not. We can't make it go away, so we're pretty confident it's real at this point."

While much is still unknown about black holes, which are essential components in the construction of galaxies, Gebhardt said this particular massive black hole challenges several theories.

"The black hole is a significant component for how a galaxy forms and how it evolves," Gebhardt

said. "There are lots of theories for why there is a relationship between the mass of a black hole and the mass of a galaxy."

This discovery challenges the previous theory that galaxies form before black holes do. It is similar to the circular philosophical debate about the chicken and the egg. Gebhardt said previous theories argued that galaxies form, material gathers in the middle of the galaxy where the black holes start operating and then the galaxy feeds the black hole and its mass grows. But based on current understandings, a galaxy could not give rise to a black hole that makes up 14 percent of its mass.

"We don't know of a mechanism to get that much material

into the middle of a galaxy to grow a black hole to be this massive," Gebhardt said.

In a statement, Remco van den Bosch, a post doctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Germany and lead author of the study, said astronomers are still exploring many different theories about black holes.

"At the moment there are three completely different mechanisms that all claim to explain the link between black hole mass and host galaxies' properties. We do not understand yet which of these theories is best," van den Bosch said.

Gebhardt says it is not clear yet if this black hole is just unusual or is indicative of a trend.

"This is a big universe.

There are 100 billion galaxies out there; you're going to get some weird ones," Gebhardt said. "But if we find this to be a pattern, which is my suspicion, then we are going to have to modify the theories for how you grow a black hole."

Astronomers are observing galaxies for this study with the Hobby-Eberly Telescope at the McDonald Observatory, which Gebhardt said was key to this project.

"The fact that it is such a big telescope, it has such powerful instruments and we have so much time — those are the three main things. That is why it worked," Gebhardt said. "We would not have been able to get this amount of data out of another telescope."

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## VOLLEYBALL | NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Postseason sees stakes rise

By Sara Beth Purdy

Last year, the Longhorns were stunned.

They started postseason play as the top-ranked contender for the NCAA crown and were led by a senior class that was one of the winningest in program history. But a performance — riddled with errors and net violations — against eventual champion UCLA stopped the Longhorns short. They were sent home without reaching the Final Four for the first time since they fell in the regional round to USC in 2007.

This year, the No. 3 Longhorns are poised to make another deep run in postseason play. Home court advantage, a desirable tournament seed and a successful regular season are all advantages that the Longhorns will take to the court tonight.

“The biggest thing was just that anyone can show up on a given night and we have to battle,” sophomore Haley Eckerman said of what they learned from last year’s tournament. “We are just going to have to play together and battle together.”

The Longhorns will open up the tournament at home Thursday at 7 p.m. against



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Sophomore outside hitter Haley Eckerman reaches for a kill. Eckerman was named Big 12 player of the year and looks to continue her dominance on the court as the Longhorns head into their first NCAA tournament match against Colgate.

Colgate University as the No. 3 overall seed out of a field of 64. As one of the Top 16 seeds, Texas will host the first and second rounds of the tournament. Two years ago, the Longhorns received the bid to host the third and fourth rounds of the

tournament. If all goes well, the Longhorns will only need to travel for the Final Four and Championship games in Louisville, Ky.

Colgate University, a liberal arts college in New York, won the Patriot League with a

season record of 17-13 and a conference record of 12-2. The real fun starts if the Longhorns defeat Colgate and advance to the second round.

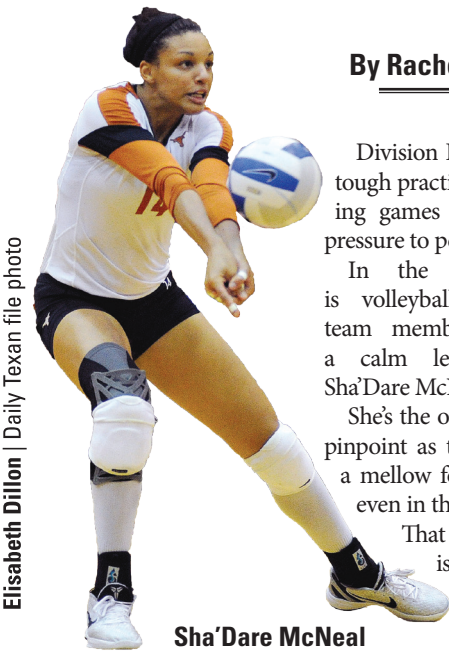
The Longhorns could face

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## McNeal manages calm leadership

By Rachel Thompson



Sha'Dare McNeal

Division I volleyball means tough practices, nerve-wracking games and ever-present pressure to perform.

In the whirlwind that is volleyball season, Texas team members have found a calm leader in senior Sha'Dare McNeal.

She's the one her teammates pinpoint as their quiet leader, a mellow force on the court even in the midst of chaos.

That laid-back attitude is signature of McNeal's Southern California roots,

a self-described innate personality trait that has served her well both on and off the court.

“I feel like it's just my personality,” McNeal said. “I'm just a calm person and I really don't let anything rattle me on the court.”

Entering college as the No. 5 recruit in the nation, there were ample opportunities for rattling. Yet McNeal swept pressure to the side, earning a spot on the 2010 Texas Invitational and Burnt Orange Classic all-tournament team as well as Academic All-Big 12 second team honors. In her second year on the team, she started all 33 matches and played in

all 118 sets.

“Coming in, it was just a new experience,” she said. “I was ready to play, and I just embraced being on the team and learning a lot my freshman year.”

Four years and many games later, McNeal has stepped up into a leadership position on the team, guiding her younger teammates with her level-headed style.

“I'm a leader by example, so it's just getting the girls ready for practice and telling them the goals that we have,” McNeal said.

Head coach Jerritt Elliott said seeing McNeal's develop-

ment has been a highlight of this season.

“She's a big part of this program and has developed into a leader,” he said. “As a coach, you want to see players develop into confident young women, and I'm just pleased with where she stands with her confidence in herself and the lessons she can teach our younger players.”

Her home season could hardly have wrapped up on a higher note. McNeal had the last kill against West Virginia, whacking the ball over the net to conclude the sweep, which launched an explosion of ap-

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## FOOTBALL

## Running a struggle for Horns

By Chris Hummer

Eighty-six yards rushing. That's all the Longhorns mustered last Thursday against TCU, 93 yards below Texas' season average. Johnathan Gray received 15 touches, Joe Bergeron carried the ball only five times and Malcolm Brown didn't tote it once.

The lack of production was, in part, caused because the Longhorns were forced to throw the ball in the second half, attempting to catch up to the Horned Frogs. Still, it was a frustrating evening for the coaching staff and everyone involved in the ground game.

“We'd like to [run it],” head coach Mack Brown said. “We didn't run it much the other night. It wasn't a running game night. I wish it would've been.”

But Brown's assessment was mellow compared to offensive lineman Trey Hopkins' when talking about the Longhorns' pedestrian total on the ground. “That's just unacceptable as an offensive lineman,” Hopkins said.

The offensive line and the running backs know the rushing production must change against Kansas State for the Longhorns to defeat a talented, disciplined and balanced Wildcat team. It won't be easy, however. The Wildcats are 18th in the nation against the run, allowing opponents an average of 121 yards per contest.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

David Ash hands the ball off to freshman running back Johnathan Gray. Gray struggled to jump start the running game against TCU on Thanksgiving Day, recording only 86 rushing yards.

| STATS          | Rushes | Yards | Avg | TD |
|----------------|--------|-------|-----|----|
| Johnathan Gray | 130    | 654   | 5.0 | 3  |
| Joe Bergeron   | 121    | 562   | 4.6 | 16 |
| Malcolm Brown  | 50     | 276   | 5.5 | 3  |

Kansas State is stout in the front seven, especially its line-backer core. Arthur Brown, one of the top linebackers in the country, was a preseason All-American selection. His 80 tackles and six tackles for loss this season have done nothing to knock down his stock. He's not the only playmaker in the middle of the field. Junior Tre Walker was a preseason All-Big 12 selection, and he and Brown cover the field from sideline-to-sideline exceptionally well, keeping both the run and passing attack in check.

“They have two linebackers that are as good as anybody in

the country,” Mack Brown said. “They can cover you man-to-man and pass rushing.”

However, it is imperative the Longhorns establish their rushing attack early. The ground game puts the offense into its flow, forcing the defense to stack the box with eight or more players later in the game. This allows one-on-one coverage to the outside, which opens up areas in the secondary for the passing attack. Perhaps most importantly, it would allow newly-minted starter Case McCoy a little time to get ad-

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## FANTASY FOOTBALL



Illustration by Cody Bubenik | Daily Texan Staff

## Kaepernick, Brown holiday fantasy gems

By David Leffler

Christmas music playing in every office and holiday commercials hitting us from every angle imaginable can only mean one thing: fantasy football playoffs are almost here. In fact, this is the last week of regular season play in most leagues. Whether you are in need of a big win to fuel your playoff push or want to end the season with your head held high, here's some fantasy advice that is all but gift-wrapped:

## START

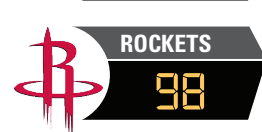
1) Colin Kaepernick, QB  
San Francisco 49ers

Kaepernick looks like the 49ers' starter for the long haul after several impressive performances in place of QB Alex Smith, passing for three touchdowns and running for another in victories over Chicago and New Orleans. Amazingly, he is still available in the majority of fantasy football leagues. With his ability to hurt defenses with his arm and his legs, Kaepernick is a solid start for not only this week's game against the Rams but for the rest of the season.

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## SIDELINE

## NBA



## TOP TWEET

Corey Knebel  
@coreyknebel129

“Proud of my boy @PFrench24 yesterday squatting a truck! Lol #gameready the season can't get here fast enough!”

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

## Brown staying put, McCombs claims

As rumors regarding the status of Texas head coach Mack Brown gain steam on fan message boards, notable Longhorns athletic donor Red McCombs told The Daily Texan on Wednesday that Brown would have the job as long as he wants it.

“I think we've been blessed to have Mack Brown as our coach. I expect him to be the coach for many years. In any event, if he were to leave the coaching job I'd expect that to be his prerogative and not somebody else's,” McCombs said over the phone. “Any reports to the contrary are unfounded.”

Texas' football program currently sits at a crossroads. Two wins in the next two games — Saturday at Kansas State and in the bowl game — would give the team 10 wins for the first time since 2009. But if the Longhorns fail to win another game, they'd finish 8-5 for the second season in a row.

On paper, that hardly signals improvement. In his Monday press conference, Brown was adamant that he'd plan to return for his 16th season. His contract, \$5.3 million a year, runs through 2020. Later that afternoon, reports surfaced on premium fan sites *InsideTexas.com* and *Orangebloods.com* that boosters were growing wary of Brown's direction of the program and impatient of its slow climb back to prominence after the 5-7 record in 2010.

— Trey Scott



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rival Texas A&M in the second round of the tournament Friday night. Texas A&M will face North Carolina State in the first round of the Austin Regional on Thursday afternoon. The winner will face either Texas or Colgate in round two.

“We are always excited to play Texas A&M,” junior setter Hannah Allison said. “We don’t want to look ahead, but if we do come across them, we are very excited and prepared.”

The Longhorns were one win away from a perfect conference season but fell to Iowa State on the road in five sets to finish off the regular season and end with a conference record of 15-1. Instead of feeling concerned with the loss so late in the season, the Longhorns are more relieved and determined to enter the NCAA tournament strong and focused.

“Going undefeated the whole time kind of was an advantage, obviously,” Eckerman said. “But it was not helping us be able to play and experience adversity. Playing in an environment like that was how the Yum! Center is

going to be. With this game, we’ve learned so much.”

Texas finished the season with a 23-4 overall record and a 15-1 conference record. Its only losses came to very solid teams, including Penn State, the tournament’s No. 1 overall seed. The Longhorns are fortunate in that they would not have to face the Nittany Lions until the championship match.

Eckerman claimed the Big 12 Player of the Year Award, the fourth consecutive time the honor has gone to a Longhorn. Eckerman led the Big 12 in points per game (5.24) and kills per game (4.60) in conference play. She is also in the running for National Player of the Year.

Eckerman, junior Bailey Webster, sophomore Khat Bell and senior Sha’Dare McNeal were all named to the All-Big 12 First Team. Freshman Molly McCage, the national No. 1 recruit, was named to the Big 12 All-Freshman team.

“The team is hungry,” Texas head coach Jerritt Elliott said. “They’ve been waiting to get to this NCAA tournament, they’ll be playing well.”

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plause and cheers from fans who longed to see the senior finish it up the right way.

Her team experience has left much deeper memories than squeaky gym floors, knee pads and plenty of airplane rides.

“It’s [been about] maturing as a person,” McNeal said. “Being around girls that are becoming my sisters. I like the closeness of our team. We all just mesh really well together, and it’s a joy practicing and playing with them.”

The No. 3 Longhorns dashed through the season with one conference loss, earning a lauded 23-4 record and a Big 12 championship trophy to commemorate

their success.

As they head into this week’s NCAA Tournament, beginning Thursday, McNeal said the team is ready for the challenge new opponents and more pressure will provide.

“I feel really confident,” she said. “We’ve had really good practices leading up to it. It’s really exciting for us. A national championship has been the team goal for the past four years since I’ve been here.”

Titles, tournaments and trophies set aside, McNeal is sentimental about her last year competing for the Longhorns.

“I’ll miss everything,” she said. “The practices, the games. Everything.”

## SWIMMING | WINTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Championship draws Olympians into Austin

**By Evan Berkowitz & Sarah White**

If you have never been to a high-profile swimming competition, today is your day as past medalists and Olympic hopefuls pack the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center for the 2012 USA AT&T Winter National Championships.

That means many London Olympics stars such as Ryan Lochte, Missy Franklin, Nathan Adrian, Matt Grevers and Katie Ledecky will be competing alongside the best high school, NCAA and professional swimmers. Former Longhorns Ricky Berens, Jimmy Feigen and Garrett Weber-Gale, who are also Olympic medalists, will join them at the meet.

The midseason national championships, the biggest meet since the London Olympics, starts Thursday and runs

USA Swimming AT&T Winter National Championships



**Date:** Thursday-Sunday  
**Time:** All day  
**Location:** Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center



**Dax Hill**

Senior



**Laura Sogar**

Senior

through Saturday. Preliminaries each day start at 9 a.m. and the finals begin at 5 p.m. An all-session pass for the weekend’s events can be purchased at the door or online at the Longhorn Aquatics store. Texas students can purchase tickets at a reduced price.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to have nationals at our pool,” Carol Capitani, women’s swimming head coach, said. “It’s a great chance to really showcase our facility.”

The events Thursday include the 200 freestyle relay, 500 freestyle, 200 individual

medley, 50 freestyle and 400 medley relay. Lochte, Franklin, Ledecky and many others will race Thursday.

Senior Dax Hill said he was excited to share the pool with Olympic medalists.

“No doubt, it’s a high atmosphere swim meet,” Hill said. “What you ultimately want is to get next to one of these guys in a race.”

Hill is one of a few Texas swimmers to keep an eye on this weekend. On the men’s side, Clay Youngquist, Michael McBroom, Kip Darmody

and Hill have all won NCAA championships. Youngquist is ranked No. 1 in the NCAA for the 200 freestyle and No. 7 for the 500 freestyle, both of which will take place Thursday. On the women’s side, freshman Kaitlin Pawlowicz and all-American senior Laura Sogar — ranked in the Top 10 for the 100 and 200 breaststroke — have both been off to hot starts.

The championships can be watched by webcast at [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org) or Sunday at 1 p.m. on NBC.

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**2) Bryce Brown, RB Philadelphia Eagles**

Starting in place of the injured LeSean McCoy, the rookie out of Kansas State exploded into the scene on Monday Night Football, rushing for 178 yards and two touchdowns against the Panthers. Although ball security is an area of concern, expect an encore performance from Brown in a favorable match-up this week against a decimated Cowboys’ defense.

**3) Andre Johnson, WR Houston Texans**

After a quiet first nine games of the season, Johnson has absolutely gone off the past two weeks, burning the Jaguars and Lions for a combined 461 yards and a touchdown. Although it might be a bit too much to expect him to keep up these gargantuan numbers, Johnson should be in for another big day against a weak Tennessee secondary.

## SIT

**1) Daniel Thomas, RB Miami Dolphins**

Although Reggie Bush fans have not been happy with the former Heisman trophy winner’s

decreasing touches over the past month, Thomas’ owners have loved his emergence as a consistent threat out of Miami’s backfield. However, a date with New England’s awful secondary and respectable run defense equates to the Fins relying on a more pass-heavy attack this week.

**2) Russell Wilson, QB Seattle Seahawks**

Wilson had a great outing last week, throwing for 224 yards and two touchdowns while also racking up 38 rushing yards. That being said, he faces a fearsome Chicago Bears defense that is the stingiest in the league against opposing

fantasy quarterbacks and will struggle, as any rookie should, against an elite defense.

**3) Chris Givens, WR St. Louis Rams**

Givens torched the Arizona Cardinals last week for a career-high 115 yards and a touchdown in the Rams’ 31-17 victory. However with St. Louis facing San Francisco’s suffocating defense Sunday, which held Givens without a catch in their last meeting, there’s a risk he may have another quiet afternoon. If there is another option available with a more favorable match-up, consider benching Givens.

# RUN

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justed to the pace of the game.

“If we make people load the box, it will definitely take that pressure off of Case,” Hopkins said.

In the loss to TCU, the Longhorns abandoned the run early in the second half in an attempt to find an offensive spark after

the Horned Frogs jumped out to a sizable lead. That won’t work against Kansas State. If the Longhorns become one-dimensional through the air, it’s a recipe for disaster.

If Kansas State forces Texas to throw, it will expose Case McCoy’s all-or-nothing tendencies. McCoy has an innate ability to extend plays and make something out of nothing, but the skill also causes errant throws that have been

McCoy’s greatest criticism.

The absence of Malcolm Brown was notable in the loss to TCU. He didn’t touch the ball, and his powerful yet elusive running style could have made a difference against the eight man fronts the Horned Frogs presented.

It seems the coaching staff still isn’t 100 percent certain Brown is ready to carry the load coming off of a left ankle injury. He’s continuing to rehab his leg,

but from what they’ve seen in practice, his teammates feel he’s ready to contribute.

“All our running backs are talented,” Hopkins said. “Johnathan Gray can’t get every snap in the game. I hope they wouldn’t do that to him, and then his feet might not be as useful. We have to use all our running backs, and I think [Malcolm Brown] realizes that. We need him back as quickly as possible.”

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POST *continues from page 1*

coworkers see more parcels, with floods of correspondence on major holidays (Mother's Day in particular). Most of the P.O. boxes lining the walls of the post office's back room now have thin pieces of white tape crossed over them, indicating that they are no longer rented out by the people or businesses who used to pay for them.

In 2007, Bowser transferred to the station on the UT campus. The move was good for him.

Downtown, Bowser said, customers were "busy, busy, busy, and a lot of people were just all business. Here? It's so different. Everybody's so easy-going." Bowser noted, almost proudly, that at the UT station people display a generous "no-you-go-ahead" behavior in line, something

he said would never happen downtown. If somebody looked down, somebody would go ahead of them."

Bowser is a friendly man; partially because of his own gregariousness and partially because of the faculty and staff who frequent the post office, Bowser has made a lot of friends in the five years he has been there. He remembers having a paleontology professor come into the post office and identify a fossil for him that he had found in his free time. Bowser also spoke enthusiastically about an English professor with whom he exchanges books, and he remembered the stories of the Iranian Revolution told to him by a former faculty member in the Middle Eastern Studies department.

"I mean, students, faculty,

staff, everybody is so nice," Bowser said. "I think people [here] are really nice and have a good attitude. I love working down here too."

When closing up the post office last Monday, Bowser noticed a frequent customer and made sure to ask him about his roommate, family and Thanksgiving break, all of which Bowser knows about from chatting with the man while he gets his mail. There are several customers of the post office who will miss Bowser come January when he will take the severance package offered to post office employees who meet the age requirement.

"I'm not real comfortable [with leaving the job], but that's what I'm going to be doing," Bowser said.

When Bowser started

working at the UT station, there were eight employees. Now, there are two and a half. Bowser has had to take on extra duties, as has everyone in the post office.

"We don't have eight people anymore. And that's mainly because of the budget, not because of the mail," Bowser said. In 2006, the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, which requires the postal service to prefund the retirement health benefits of all its employees, passed and plunged the postal service into debt.

"It's going to be interesting to see what happens down here next," Bowser said.

Come January, he will be looking for a job, and the regular customers at the post office will no doubt be looking for him.

DANCE *continues from page 10*

second piece "Parsons Etude" choreographed by David Parsons, the critically acclaimed founder of Parsons Dance, is underwhelming in every way except the choreography. The choreography and dancing are spectacular. However, the costuming is plain and there is little symbolic meaning behind the movement of the dancers. The interest in this work is generated primarily through the suspenseful nature of the work's musical score and through the choreography's exploration of the concept of movement in sleep.

With the third piece, the aforementioned "Terminal Static," the theatrics are revived. Dancing aside, "Terminal Static" by Sam Houston State professor Andy Noble, gives the audience the most to look at. There are wriggling garbage bags, and magnificent, yet scary, light structures that look like enormous illuminated waffles used as props. The dancing is also quite theatrical; the movements are animalistic, with spider-like movements and a certain strength and ferocity. This is the most urban and contemporary of all of the works in "Fall for Dance." With ambulance sirens, music that sounds like dub-step and elements of a street dance battle toward the end of the piece, it alludes to inner-city culture.

The fourth work,

"Perception Unveiled," is the only work choreographed by a student. Senior Victoria Mora's choreography shows the most traditional influence of all the works in the show. Like "Terminal Static," lighting plays an important role in "Perception Unveiled." However, in this work the moon-like lighting combined with dancing promotes a sense of human vulnerability whereas "Terminal Static" conveys animalistic fierceness.

The final work, "Promenade" by Robert Battle of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, is by far the most bizarre. The dancers, clothed in Victorian garb perform a courtly partner-type dance that fits the era of the costuming. What does not fit is the behavior of the dancers, who act like feral rabbits. However, the convulsive, rabbit-like movement in this dance makes the work entertaining. As with the other works, the audience may not understand why the dancers in "Promenade" are behaving in such a way, but it holds its attention nonetheless.

At its end, "Fall for Dance" may not convert viewers into lovers of modern dance as its punny name suggests. However, the memorable choreography and the eventful trash bag wiggle are certain to captivate an audience's inner need for the eccentric.

BAND *continues from page 10*

unused URL on Facebook beginning with the word "the."

A little over a year after their first show, The Continuums are continuing to grow their presence sans manager.

"We want to learn how to do it all," Boswell said. "We want to learn as much as we can."

While it may be happening slower than for other bands, The Continuums are making precious progress on their journey to Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

"We just got a van last week; that was pretty cool," Austin Ries said. "It was a big step."

Aside from deciding on an official name for their new van, The Continuums also plan on releasing another EP, and eventually a full-length album.

Their debut EP "Crossing Caswell" has barely been making funds and is currently available on iTunes

and Spotify.

"There's probably like 30 ratings or comments on [the EP] on iTunes," Morgan Ries said. "We made some money on it"

The Continuums have primarily been focusing on playing live shows around Texas, but they hope to grow their presence a bit before they travel any further.

"We definitely don't want to go drive for eight hours to go play a show for ten people," Boswell said.

So far, the band has had its best success in college towns like Austin and Lubbock.

"Hitting the college towns has been good because there's kids going out to the bars that dig our music," Morgan Ries said.

As long as the kids continue to "dig their music," The Continuums should continue to book gigs around town, such as the upcoming

### The Continuums

**Where:** The Belmont

**When:** Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Website:** [justusfriends.us](http://justusfriends.us)

Music Extravaganza being hosted by Just Us Friends at The Belmont.

Just Us Friends is a charity organization whose current project is to build a fully functioning compound in Tanzania.

"There's just not a lot of opportunity in Tanzania, and there's a lot of Tanzanians who really want to improve their country and the lives of their people," board member Janie Proctor said.

A few of the local members of Just Us Friends saw an

opportunity to capitalize on Austin's thriving music scene as a way to raise funds for Loren's Hope Compound, the name of the Tanzanian project. Several local bands will be playing at the event along with scheduled headliners The Continuums.

Shows like the upcoming Music Extravaganza are helpful in The Continuums' slow but steady rise to their desired fame.

"We're not digressing by any means," Austin Ries said. "Things are happening."

### Fall for Dance

**Where:** McCullough Theatre

**When:** Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15 for students who bring a valid student I.D., \$25 for non-students

**Website:** [texasperformingarts.org](http://texasperformingarts.org)

DRAG *continues from page 10*

devise a contest that would focus on lip-syncing and not your costume. They could come out in a trash bag but if their lip-syncing is on point they will advance."

Lady-Grackle Birdbreath is a contestant in Drag Survivor who calls herself a "street trash drag queen." Birdbreath's style of drag is the antithesis of the glamorous exaggerated beauty-queen drag of the nineties.

"At first I was really disappointed because I felt judged for performing my different style of drag but I've found my niche at Kelly Kline's show," Birdbreath said. "Immediately Lavender LaFleur came right up and started talking to me and I quickly learned how amazing she was and ever since then we've become Drag Sisters."

Birdbreath claimed that, with the emergence of shows like Drag Survivor, drag shows in Austin continue to improve.

"Lady-Grackle has really expanded my notion of what drag is and can be. Seeing her doing her thing makes me feel free to go outside my comfort zone," LaFleur said. "I'm only six months into doing drag so I'm trying to find out what sort of persona I want my drag character to be and seeing all different types of styles and performances really helps fuel my imagination."

Birdbreath can be found performing at the Poo Poo Platter variety show, which bills itself as "a monthly shit show of drag variety," at Elysium. Her next showing is Friday.

Every drag queen has her own preshow ritual. LaFleur focuses on doing her make-up and finishing a drink, while Birdbreath needs her "three cigarettes and four shots of tequila" to combat preshow jitters.

The end of the performance, for LaFleur, is even

I'm only six months into doing drag so I'm trying to find out what sort of persona I want my drag character to be.

— *Lavender LaFleur*  
*Austin Drag Survivor contestant*

SCIENCE *continues from page 10*

don't work the same way, for the most part. Most processes that occur could just as easily have occurred in reverse. Researchers involved in the BaBar project at Stanford, however, have broken this time symmetry by demonstrating that a certain particle transformation is six times more likely to occur in one direction than the other when moving forward in time. What's more, the certainty of this being a genuine result is impressive even by physical science's standards: There is a greater chance of winning the lottery five times in a row than these results being the product of chance. This discovery is the result of 10 years of research with the BaBar project, which continues to investigate the subatomic world in the hopes

of generating insights into the nature of time and matter.

**Fetuses bored in belly?**

A new study published in the journal PLOS One shows that fetuses yawn in the womb, even without having to sit through 8 a.m. lectures. The researchers used advanced 4-D ultrasound videos to differentiate between yawns and simple mouth movements of 15 healthy fetuses — eight girls and seven boys — measured over the second and third trimesters of a pregnancy. Based on the results, yawning appears to be an important part of development, though just like in post-birth humans, it's unclear what its purpose is. Yawning is not, as commonly thought, a result of "forgetting to breathe,"

though the phenomenon of a contagious yawn is very real and other research suggests that reading about yawning — for instance, this article — is also likely to induce yawns. The data collected here doesn't make things much clearer in the big picture, though it does provide a more specific definition of in-utero yawns as well as support earlier findings that, over the course of a pregnancy, yawning is most frequent during the earlier stages and decreases to virtually nothing by the 36th week. As the reasons behind this phenomenon continue to remain unknown, it's likely researchers will experience many more sympathetic yawns from studying the subject before they unravel this mystery.



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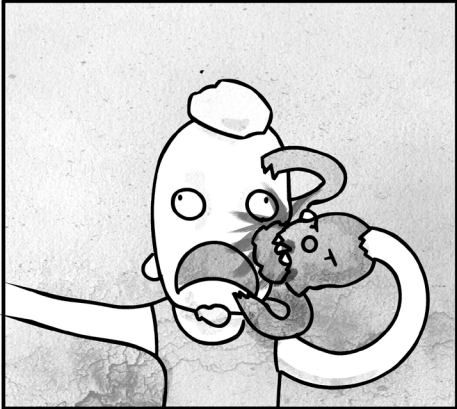
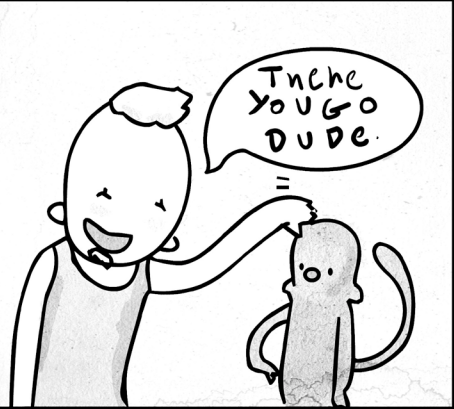
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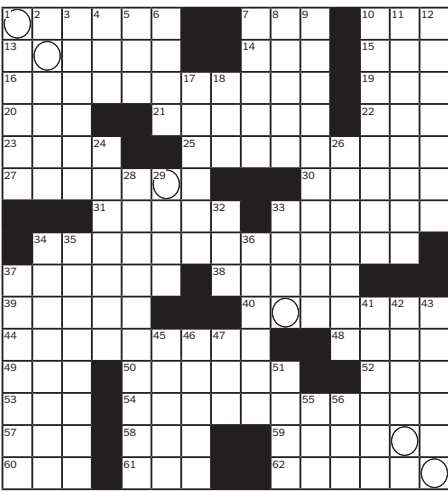
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  - 14 Contents of a flick?
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  - 16 With 34- and 54-Across, basic instruction for [circled letters]
  - 19 Grammatical case: Abbr.
  - 20 Lb. or oz.
  - 21 One with a habit
  - 22 It might be announced over a P.A.
  - 23 Ready to be driven
  - 25 Congregation member authorized by a bishop to conduct part of a service
  - 27 Place for additional info
  - 30 IHOP order
  - 31 Buenos \_\_\_\_
  - 33 Savvy
  - 34 See 16-Across
  - 37 Opera character who sings "Largo al factotum"
  - 38 Town on Cape Cod
  - 39 Expression of amazement
  - 40 Brother of Electra
  - 44 Musical effect that's simple for a trombone
  - 48 Fair sight
  - 49 Logos, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 50 "Romanian Rhapsodies" composer
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  - 53 Malarkey
  - 54 See 16-Across

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- 26 Not for nothing
- 28 The Gulf of Mexico has a big one
- 29 Snap, Crackle and Pop, e.g.
- 32 Snorkel, e.g.: Abbr.
- 33 Musical line
- 34 Big Whig
- 35 Shining
- 36 Jewelry box item
- 37 Part of a Mideast orchard
- 41 Raise canines?
- 42 Ends of ballades
- 43 Smallest human bone
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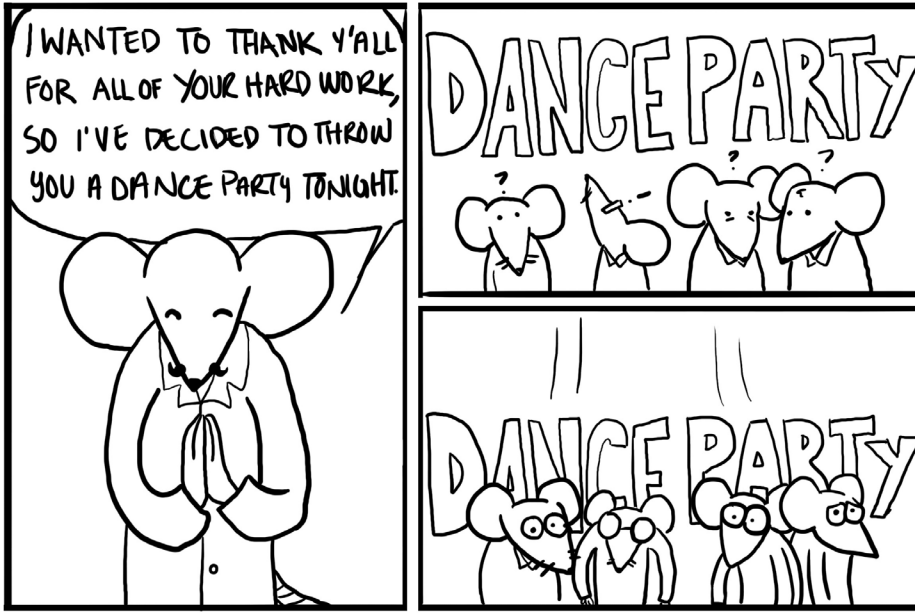


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MUSIC



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Local rock band The Continuums, who continue to grow their presence in the Austin music scene, will be playing Music Extravaganza hosted by Just Us Friends on Saturday at The Belmont.

Rock band eyes national stage

By Hannah Smothers

Texas rock band The Continuums have big plans for the next five years, but they might consider getting a manager in the meantime. “In five years, I hope we’re headlining [ACL], playing Jimmy Fallon Late Night or touring with big bands,” Morgan Ries, drummer and former UT student, said. Late Night with Jimmy Fallon would be a huge leap from the small North Texas town of Weatherford, where the four members of The Continuums are from. Two of the members, Austin and Morgan Ries, even hail from the same bloodline. Getting all of the members

to Austin was the band’s first major challenge. The two Ries brothers were both UT students. Austin Ries graduated in 2010 with a degree in journalism, while Morgan Ries left his studies early to work and concentrate more heavily on the band. “School was just to convince our parents to let us come to Austin,” Morgan Ries said. The four members met in junior high, but before they were in a Texas country band called Crosscut Vultures. “We weren’t country influenced at all,” Austin Ries, lead guitarist and former Daily Texan sports reporter, said. “We were always influenced

by classic rock and modern alternative stuff.” The band lost its country sound when the former lead singer of Crosscut Vultures called just days before a gig to let the members know he was quitting the band. “He had been fading out,” lead singer Barrett Boswell said. “We threw a show together within two days.” The band’s name was not immediately decided. The group first performed under the name The Sway, but changed it for recognition’s sake. “It sounded too much like The Fray, and we decided we weren’t doing that,” Morgan Ries said. According to Morgan Ries, the name The Continuums



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was essentially born out of convenience. “The main reason we stuck with it was because no one else had it,” Morgan Ries said. “It’s hard to find an **BAND** continues on page 8

OFFBEAT



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Chanel Andrews performs Poor Unfortunate Souls from “The Little Mermaid” on Drag Survivor at gay bar Oilcan Harry’s.

Austin’s Drag Survivor has queens preparing for friends and fame

By Kelly Eisenbarger

Lavender LaFleur pinned a bright red curly wig to her hair. In the midst of contouring, padding, glittering and practicing her lip-syncing, LaFleur transformed into a six-foot tall Merida from Disney Pixar’s summer hit “Brave.” On early Wednesday evenings in the middle of Austin’s Drag Survivor season, Jonathan Krugman becomes Lavender LaFleur. “It’s so much fun preparing for [a] show, whether it’s scrounging last minute for another piece to your costume or listening to your song on repeat for days,” LaFleur said. Drag Survivor is Austin’s **DRAG** continues on page 8

version of “RuPaul’s Drag Race,” a reality TV show on Logo. Contestants dress according to the weekly theme and perform in a lip-syncing competition. At the end of each performance, a panel of judges critiques and asks the contestants to pick a fellow competitor to be voted out. Thus far, the contest has been such a success that it has been scheduled for five seasons at gay bar Oilcan Harry’s. Kelly Kline, the show’s host and co-creator, could give RuPaul a run for her money. “We wanted to create something that wasn’t your typical drag contest with the pageantry and crowns,” Kline said. “The owners of Oilcan Harry’s and I got together to

Drag Survivor

Where: Oilcan Harry’s  
When: Wednesdays at 11:30 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
Website: [oilcanharrys.com](http://oilcanharrys.com)

THEATER REVIEW | ‘FALL FOR DANCE’



Photo Courtesy of Cassandra Gholston

UT dance students perform “Terminal Static” choreographed by Andy Noble. “Terminal Static” is one of five modern dance works in “Fall for Dance,” Dance Repertory Theatre’s fall performance.

Dance production proves hit-and-miss

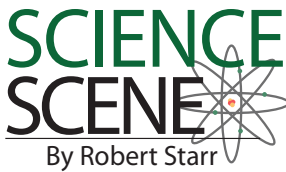
By Faith Ann Ruskowski

Dancers emerge from trash bags like inner-city alley cats as part of the modern dance piece “Terminal Static,” the third work of Dance Repertory Theatre’s performance “Fall for Dance” showing Saturday. It is never clear why dancers emerge from trash bags, as is true with many of the elements in “Fall for Dance.” Instead, the show, which consists of five different works choreographed by modern dance greats like David Parsons and Robert Battle as well as UT professors and students, lives in confusion. The confusion is captivating though — the audience may not understand why people are coming out of trash bags, but the dances are intriguing nonetheless. The show begins with “(Re)singing from the Under-space” choreographed by UT professor Charles O.

Anderson. Through the traditions of African dance, this work aims to express the oppression of females. The combination of female oppression and African dance manifests itself in an odd manner; the music, a continuous track of spoken words, conveys female marginalization within society through derogatory terms like “bitch” and “whore” while the African dance movements in choreography convey images of slavery. Through the slouch in their backs and the rhythm of their feet, members of Dance Repertory Theatre demonstrate that they are enslaved without props. At the same time, there is no character playing a slave master, so the assumption is that society’s marginalization of women, presented in the music, is the force enslaving these dancers. In comparison, the **DANCE** continues on page 8

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Birth control may use baby sperm



By Robert Starr

Drug companies are eager to produce a male birth control pill, which would allow men to take a daily medication that would prevent unwanted pregnancies in their partners. At this point, such a drug is still a pipe dream. However, a group of researchers has performed an experiment that may eventually lead to its development. By injecting a particular peptide into the testes of rats, the scientists discovered they could disrupt the blood-testes barrier, which results in sperm leaving the testes before they are developed enough to fertilize an egg. Though the experiments did not directly measure the fertility of the treated rats, previous work suggests that the level should be somewhere between low and non-existent. Additionally, unlike other potential roads to the male pill, this method appears to be reversible and, since the injected peptide is already produced by the body in limited amounts, safe — which are two major requirements the eventual pill will need to meet in order to make it to the market. **Neurons need map** The human brain is likely the most complex subject studied and a recent experiment looked at how the brain organizes



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itself during development. The study examined mice with and without the gene Arl13b, which, when functioning correctly, allows neurons to read signals from the primary cilia, which guide the neurons to the right place. When the gene is knocked out or not functioning correctly, however, it’s like taking away the neurons’ road map and they get lost on their way to their

intended destination. This results in a condition known as Joubert syndrome, which is linked with autism spectrum disorders as well as problems with brain structure. The study is among the first to see how the mutations of the gene actually affect brain development and will hopefully lead to more research that will help provide potential treatments for Joubert syndrome and

similar diseases. **Time symmetry broken** In our macroscopic world, if we watch a movie, we can generally tell if it’s moving forward or backward in time: People get older rather than younger and shards of a broken plate never fuse back together. In the subatomic world, however, things **SCIENCE** continues on page 8